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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on the Persian Gulf for Howard Useem, Senate Energy Committee Staff

1. On 15 June 1984, Howard Useem, staff member on the Senate Energy Committee, was given an update on the Iran-Iraq war by [] Office of Near East-South Asian Analysis. The half-hour briefing consisted of a situation report covering fighting along the Al Basrah front, recent attack on oil tankers near Khark Island, and the shootdown of an Iranian F-4 aircraft on 4 June by Saudi Arabia. There was also discussion of Iranian preparations for a new massive offensive, but [] reiterated the difficulty in specifying when the attack might begin. []

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2. With regard to a question about recent press reports alleging Iraqi efforts to obtain plutonium abroad for its nuclear program, Mr. Useem was told the issue would have to be raised with a different NESA branch. Mr. Useem indicated he did not want me to pursue the matter. At this point the briefing ended with no follow-up requests. []

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